



Serving the public well: Pictured on the steps of the council office was this group from Limerick County Council who won the Driver Awards for 1963

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* Possible saving of 340 jobs in Clover Meats factory, again

THE Clover Meats factory in Mulgrave Street, which is due to close on October 31, is almost certain to be saved for the second time.

A significant development which could guarantee the jobs of 340 employees emerged last night following a several hours long talk between Mr Tom O'Donnell, T.D., the Fine Gael Shadow Minister for Transport and Power, and the Limerick Pork Butchers' Society, yesterday.

The 30 pork butchers who have been operating a "go-slow" over the introduction of a new incentive bonus scheme by the management for the past fortnight and whose action led to the closure announcement by Mr. Michael Collins, general manager, resumed full normal working this Friday morning.

The latest development has now paved the way for talks between the management and the I.T.G.W.U. and efforts are now being made to arrange a Bacon Joint Industrial Council meeting for both parties to resolve the points at issue.

The following statement was issued by the Limerick Pork Butchers' Society and signed by Deputy O'Donnell, Mr. Gerard McNamara (president) and Mr. Tom Joyce (secretary): "Having been informed by Mr. Michael

Collins, general manager, Clover Meats Ltd., that as and from December 1 pro-rata bonus will be paid on all existing schemes as per letter of the 12th October, 1972, from the company to the I.T.G.W.U.

"This has been accepted by the Pork Butchers' Society and full normal working will be resumed today."

City secondary school opens its new premises to students

ANOTHER historic occasion in the Limerick educational sphere was marked today when the ultra-modern Crescent Comprehensive School at Dooradoyle was officially opened by the Minister for Education, Mr. Pdraig Faulkner.

The new £100,000 school which replaces the old Crescent College is the first example of a long established secondary school going comprehensive, and will eventually cater for 800 pupils including girls in 1974.

The blessing of this huge complex was performed by Most. Rev. Dr. Henry Murphy, Bishop of Limerick, and Very. Rev. Dean Empey, Church of Ireland.

The school buildings, which cover 4 1/2 acres, include a guidances suite, a complete technical wing, five science laboratories and a 24-booth language laboratory.

The total area of the school is 30 acres.

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Moves to establish wool plant to scour and bleach product

MOVES are being made at the moment to have a £70,000 wool scouring and bleaching plant established in Limerick.

It has followed the recently stepped-up wool exports from the port to the Continent. Business people closely connected with the wool trade consider that quite an amount of money would be saved if the plant was in operation, as the cost of bleaching and scouring the wool abroad was very expensive.

The man behind the scenes in the efforts to establish the plant is Mr Leo Hynes, Galway Wool Ltd., Portumna who has already exported hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of wool through Limerick. In a special interview in Limerick this week with a Limerick Leader reporter, Mr Hynes said that at the moment the wool had to be sent to the Continent for scouring and bleaching and this cost thousands of pounds and meant a considerable loss of revenue to this country. Recently he said, America had become interested in Irish wool exports because of its special quality. Mr Hynes said that during the past six years exports of wool had increased from 17,000,000 lbs. to 22,000,000 lbs.

The cost of erecting the factory would be in the region of £50,000 and the addition of

an optical bleaching plant would cost about £10,000 more. Mr Hynes said that in the initial stages 25 men would be employed all the year round. Mr Hynes said they were approaching the Government in connection with the project and they hoped to obtain financial assistance in the erection of the factory.

Council to hear Arthur's Quay proposal for civic building

THE City Council at its meeting tonight will consider a report from the City Architect, Mr P. O' Callaghan on the proposal to fill in Arthur's Quay at an estimated cost of £113,000. It is suggested that the site could be used for the erection of a civic building.

If however, the Council decide to use the site as a car park the construction of a double-decker park at a cost of £220,000 would be uneconomical. The City Architect in the course of his report said his suggestion differed from the Town Planning Consultant's in that the roadway from Honan's Quay behind the new retaining wall would be continued behind Croom Mills to connect to Custom House Park at the Abbey rive mouth.

The estimated cost of actual reclamation according to his plan, would be £113,000 for the reconstruction of the retaining wall and the filling- the cost of roadways and final treatment were not included in this figure.